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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 7/11/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3,6,9,11,13,15 and 20-24.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Janae Lehman Bell on 29 September 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please amend the claims according to the following:

In claim 3, line 2, replace "comparing using a processor all or part of the structure" with --comparing all or part of the structure--.

In claim 3, line 3, replace "structure of insulin receptor" with --structure of **an** insulin receptor--.

In claim 3, line 5, replace "a computer program on the processor" with --a computer program on **a** processor--.

In claim 3, line 7, replace "monomer B in Table 1, the" with --monomer B in Table 1, **wherein** the--.

In claim 3, line 8, replace "ligand binding site defined" with --ligand binding site **is** defined--.

In claim 3, line 10, replace "the program displaying" with --**said** program displaying--.

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In claim 3, line 16, replace “compound modulates insulin receptor activity by determining if the compound agonizes” with --compound modulates **the** insulin receptor by determining if the compound agonizes **the** --.

In claim 6, line 2, replace “structure of insulin receptor” with --structure of **the** insulin receptor--.

In claim 9, line 2, replace “comparing using a processor all or part of the structure” with --comparing all or part of the structure--.

In claim 9, line 3, replace “structure of insulin receptor” with --structure of **an** insulin receptor--.

In claim 9, line 5, replace “a computer program on the processor” with --a computer program on **a** processor--.

In claim 9, line 7, replace “monomer B in Table 1, the” with --monomer B in Table 1, **wherein** the--.

In claim 9, line 8, replace “ligand binding site defined” with --ligand binding site **is** defined--.

In claim 9, line 10, replace “the program displaying” with --**said** program displaying--.

In claim 9, line 16, replace “compound modulates insulin receptor activity by determining whether the compound antagonizes” with --compound modulates **the** insulin receptor activity by determining whether the compound antagonizes **the** --.

In claim 11, line 2, replace “comparing using a processor all or part of the structure” with --comparing all or part of the structure--.

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In claim 11, line 3, replace “structure of insulin receptor” with --structure of **an** insulin receptor--.

In claim 11, line 5, replace “a computer program on the processor” with --a computer program on **a** processor--.

In claim 11, line 6, replace “at least one residue from” with --at least one **first** residue from--.

In claim 11, line 7, replace “at least one residue from” with --at least one **second** residue from--.

In claim 11, line 8, replace “the program displaying” with --**said** program displaying--.

In claim 11, line 9, replace “including the residues” with --including **the first and second** residues--.

In claim 11, line 11, replace “residue and determining whether the compound interacts with the residues” with --**first and second** residues and determining whether the compound interacts with **said first and second** residues--.

In claim 11, line 12, replace “between the residues” with --between **said first and second** residues--.

In claim 11, line 13, replace “compound modulates insulin receptor” with --compound modulates **the** insulin receptor--.

In claim 11, line 14, replace “agonizes insulin receptor” with --agonizes **the** insulin receptor--.

In claim 13, line 2, replace “comparing using a processor all or part of the structure” with --comparing all or part of the structure--.

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In claim 13, line 3, replace “structure of insulin receptor” with --structure of **an** insulin receptor--.

In claim 13, line 5, replace “a computer program on the processor” with --a computer program on **a** processor--.

In claim 13, line 6, replace “at least one residue from” with --at least one **first** residue from--.

In claim 13, line 7, replace “at least one residue from” with --at least one **second** residue from--.

In claim 13, line 8, replace “the program displaying” with --**said** program displaying--.

In claim 13, line 9, replace “including the residues” with --including **the first and second** residues--.

In claim 13, line 11, replace “residue and determining whether the compound interacts with the residues” with --**first and second** residues and determining whether the compound interacts with **said first and second** residues--.

In claim 13, line 12, replace “between the residues” with --between **said first and second** residues--.

In claim 13, line 13, replace “compound modulates insulin receptor” with --compound modulates **the** insulin receptor--.

In claim 13, line 14, replace “antagonizes insulin receptor” with --agonizes **the** insulin receptor--.

In claim 23, line 1, replace “at least one residue” with --at least one **first** residue--.

In claim 24, line 1, replace “at least one residue” with --at least one **first** residue--.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a method of determining whether a compound modulates insulin receptor activity by comparing all or part of the structure of the compound to all or part of the fitted quaternary structure of an insulin receptor using the structural coordinates recited in claims 3, 9, 11, and 13.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Inquiries

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lori A. Clow, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (571) 272-0715. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 10 am to 6:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Wang can be reached on (571) 272-0811.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to (571) 272-0547.

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